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District Educational Officers

* 51 *Q*.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any District Educational Officer has been compulsorily retired during the year 1958; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : I would like to know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to certain serious allegations made against the Education Department of the Government of Madras in the paper called ' Blitz '?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, the matter was brought to my notice. As soon as such allegations are brought to my notice, I cause enquiries to be made into the matter and a report to be submitted to me on the allegations. I may tell the hon. Member that the allegations made are absolutely **baseless.** No such incident took place and no officer was compulsorily retired.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : In his reply to the main question, the Hon Minister said ' (*a*) No, Sir (*b*) Does not arise.' It might be that no officer was compulsorily retired. But did not any officer retire during that year? (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Many officers retired during that year. (Laughter).

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the name of the school that is involved according to the report in the ' Blitz '?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The name has not been given but it is alleged that it is run by a person who is supposed to be friendly with the Hon. the Home Minister and the only Member could be a Member of the Council who is running an institution round about Pallavaram or Tambaram. There has been absolutely no incident with regard to that institution and it is all purely imaginary. I do not know how it appeared in that paper. Perhaps, all the other things appearing in that paper are all of the same pattern.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : The point is this. Is it a fact that the school has not been inspected at all?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is also absolutely wrong.

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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Why should not the Government then proceed against the paper because it is a responsible paper and it is unfair for the paper to feed the public with such things?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRFAMANIAM : I refuse to believe that it is a responsible paper.

Overseas scholarships granted to State Government servants

* 52 Q.—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of overseas scholarships granted to the State Government servants in various departments during the last three years?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : இம்மாதிரி மேல் படிப்புப் படிப்பதற்காக வெளி நாடுகளுக்கு அனுப்பப்படுபவர்களுக்கு ஏதாவது நிபந்தனைகள் விதிக்கப்படுகின்றனவா? அவர்கள் அந்த நிபந்தனைகளுக்குக் கட்டுப்பட்டு, மீண்டும் திரும்பிவந்தவுடன் அவைகளை ஒப்புக்கொண்டு வேலை செய்கின்றார்களா? Are there any conditions imposed?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : These are persons who will be employed under the Government. On their return, they come and serve the Government. There is a clause in the agreement that they should serve the Government for a particular period.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : When they are sent, do the Government take into account the fact that they are not over-aged and that they will have time to serve the Government of Madras on their return from training or study?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, we see to it that the age of such persons is not more than 45.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is an undertaking obtained from them before proceeding to foreign countries that they would serve this Government for a stipulated period?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, a condition is imposed, while selecting them, that they should serve the Government for a period of five years so.

School of Sculpture at Mahabalipuram

* 53 Q.—Sri M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state— 3-10 p.m.

(a) the amount sanctioned for the School of Sculpture started at Mahabalipuram;

(b) the number of candidates trained in that school; and

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 139 infra.